Continuing education in dental implantology has traditionally focused on theoretical aspects of the specialty. Trinon Collegium Practicum (TCP) challenges this training approach by offering practice-oriented dental implantology courses. Its "Q-Implant Marathon" curriculum specializes in hands-on training.

Problems with traditional education
Traditionally, entering the field of implantology has been difficult for many dentists. It might not be a subject of university education — with many universities and courses focusing mainly on theoretical orientation. Because of this, establishing oneself within this particular area of dental medicine can prove to be a time-consuming endeavor. Further complicating the matter, many of the educational and training programs rarely present an opportunity for practitioners to practice directly on patients.

Learning by doing
Since 2003, the "Q-Implant Marathon" has offered hands-on training that incorporates a live patient model. Participants spend five days assisting and leading surgeries under the supervision of TCP’s experienced surgical team. The Academy of General Dentistry accredits the "Q-Implant Marathon," and all participants are eligible to receive 60 continuing education credit hours.

The "Q-Implant Marathon" offers three levels of training on the basis of practitioner experience:

• Beginners: Participants lead the placement of 30 implants, while assisting on dozens more.
• Advanced (two levels): Participants lead the performance of five sinus lifts via lateral window and piezosurgery methods, learn foundational bone-splitting techniques, establish complication-management skills and more.

You can visit booth No. 1115 at the Chicago Midwinter Meeting exhibit hall to register for an upcoming course.

Comments from previous attendees include:

• "Prior to coming to this course, I had only theoretical/didactic knowledge in implantology. You gain immense knowledge in placement, treatment planning and surgical skills. As a beginner, I would highly recommend taking this course to advance your career."
  – Q-Implant course participant (Beginner Level)
• "I found the hands-on, level-2 course invaluable. The learning environment was supportive and the training and feedback with total hands-on instruction was the one thing my previous training lacked."
  – Q-Implant course participant (Advanced Level)

Learn more about the courses by calling (630) 705-1002, visiting www.implantologycourses.com or emailing register@implantologycourses.com.

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